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A Chance to WIN Concert Tickets!!!

Look for an announcement
coming soon for the following
concert tickets:

Sam Smith- 2 tickets available
for **September 30, 2015**, 7:30pm,
Gila River Arena.

SAVE THE DATE!

Two Upcoming Meetings: Our next neighborhood m
take place on Thursday, August 27th at Ironwood H.S.
W. Sweetwater Ave. Glendale, AZ 85304) from 5:30
We will have a brief presentation on the light rail proje
representative from Valley Metro and our Transportati
department. These neighborhood meetings are mostly
sessions with all topics fair game.

My next district meeting which I'm currently holding tw
scheduled for **Thursday October 1st at 5:30p** at Thur
Grad School, Tower Conference Room. **Please note**
change from September 30th. Tentative presentatio
by staff include overall transportation plan, Envision 2
General Plan Update that comes before voters in Aug
and public works. If there is any subject that would be
to you, please let us know.

SOUND-OFF QUESTION

SHERWOOD'S ADVISORY GROUP



Here's another sampling of the Arizona Republic's "sound-off" which runs in Saturday's Glendale community section asking West Valley elected officials to weigh in on that week's question. This one ran last November 8th.

What does your city or town do to support veterans and are there any programs you would like to see implemented to assist them?

The city of Glendale sponsors the "Stand Up for Veterans" annual event that mobilizes military veteran support agencies as well as businesses, non-profit groups, individuals and Glendale Community College to produce a one-day event to help veterans with on-site services, such as having employers present to interview veterans, information on educational opportunities, information from the Phoenix Veterans Affairs Office, free lunch and haircuts for vets and their families, and various other social services.

ECONOMIST VIEW

Here's another blog post from national economists, Dr. Elliot Eisenberg. This is from July 31st.

Madoff Money

The Friday File: Over the past 6.5 years, trustee Irving Picard has recovered almost \$11 billion of the \$17 billion stolen by Bernard Madoff. But this work has been costly. At \$413.30/hour after a "public interest" discount of 10%, the 97,115.5 hours Picard's team billed in just Q1/15 came to \$40 million! All totaled, Picard has billed \$700 million. Luckily for investors, the money comes from

STILL RECRUITING- Councilmember Sherwood is putting advisory board and he wants you to be a part of it! This goes mostly through emails, in which the councilmember will run the group and ask for input and opinion.

If you are interested in being part of Sherwood's Advisory (or would like more information, please email Emily Michael name, contact information, and any affiliation (business, council member, etc) at vornelas@glendaleaz.com.

THIS WEEK *with* COUNCILMEMBER SHERWOOD.

Greetings Sahuaro Residents-

Arizona League of Cities & Towns - Most of this week was spent in Tucson (six degrees cooler) for the annual League of Cities & Town conference which rotates between the Phoenix and Tucson areas. It's a chance for Arizona's 91 cities and towns to share in best practices and share mutual issues and solutions. There's an opening and closing session where the table is set and cleaned off and in between there are numerous sessions touching on just about anything that cities deal with. The sessions I went to were:



1. **Arizona Council on Transportation Innovation Exchange Campaign** - The Arizona Council for Transportation (ACTI) was formed in 2013 to promote practices that Arizona's state, regional and local transportation systems better, smarter, and faster way. ACTI conducts Innovation Exchanges to share information about what's new in and the discussion centered around how technologies are making our state's transportation system one of the best in the nation.
2. **Social Media and Cities: The Pros and Cons of Internet Connection to Citizens** - Social media is now a part of everyday lives and has become too big for local government not to be part of the conversation. It can be both a challenge and opportunity to effectively communicate with residents. The presentation gave examples of how the pros and cons of social media are best handled and how tone remains important when communicating to, and with, residents.
3. **Marijuana Legalization: It's Coming Our Way, the Experience and How it Will Impact AZ Cities and Towns** - Marijuana was one packed the hall and was widely discussed. Marijuana is currently legal for recreational purposes in four states and the District of Columbia. There's a group trying to get it c



insurance, not recovered proceeds.

CITY UPDATES

Glendale Named To Expedia's List Of 101 Most Comfortable Cities-

The city of Glendale has been named by Expedia as one of the nation's top 101 most comfortable cities, based on customer hotel reviews on the website. Glendale was number 75 on the list; the only other Arizona city featured was Sedona at number 100. Stylish and spacious room accommodations are offered in Glendale. The city boasts approximately 1,500 rooms, with more than 8,000 hotel rooms within a 15-mile radius, ranging from four- and five-star luxury properties to modest and boutique-style accommodations. West Valley accommodations are conveniently located within easy access to must-see attractions and premiere travel destinations, including Historic Downtown Glendale, Arrowhead Towne Center, and the Sports & Entertainment District, which features Tanger Outlets Westgate and the Westgate Entertainment District.

Valley Metro Releases Light Rail Economic Development Information-

Valley Metro announced July 28th that the economic impact of light rail, more than \$8.2 billion in private and public capital investment has been built near the current initial 20-miles of light rail. See councilmember's comments in the following YouTube video

in Arizona. The presentation touched on a high-level Colorado's experience as the first state in the country with the recreational use of marijuana. They went over the challenges from retail sales, the handling of drugged drivers and reviewed lessons learned in the process of implementing regulations.

4. ***Downtown Success Strategies From Around the World*** - Since the auto dealerships left Glendale Ave, the city struggled at redeveloping our namesake Avenue despite the optional zoning overlay. This presentation from a professor at Michigan State University made pretty interesting arguments. Downtowns are often the face of a community yet many downtowns struggle to fill vacant storefronts. Based on the perspectives of a variety of downtown revitalization experts, the presentation provided the five pillars to downtown success. I really got a lot out of this one.
5. ***Community-Based Entrepreneurship*** - Community's role in creating an entrepreneurial-friendly environment. The presentation explored the key elements necessary to support new business start-ups, including the physical infrastructure, financial resources, commercial/professional infrastructure, human resources, and the community environment as a whole. A full conference yet it is nice to catch up with others in the area. I got into at other local, state, and Federal functions and could build upon those relationships as well as begin new ones.

Why two companies skipped Phoenix and chose another city for 3,000 jobs - In an article that came out late last week from Business journal I found it interesting that two of main factors why Phoenix area got skipped over were due to education and diversity. I am printing the whole article here's the gist of what was stated about the two companies.

Phoenix competes heavily against Salt Lake City, Denver, Dallas for companies and business expansion. Recently, two companies chose from among those other cities rather than Phoenix. The PBJ author spoke with the relocation decision-makers about their cases with a promise that the firms and people would not be

"I don't want to embarrass any city. (Greater Phoenix Economic Council) and (Arizona Commerce Authority) did an excellent job trying to land the deal," said the CEO of one company. "It's not our fault; they have to work with the realities of the market and the level of competition." The total number of jobs between both of the companies totaled 3,000. And they were high-paying, too. The average wage at each company was more than double the Phoenix average wage.

While Phoenix was highly competitive, one company said it chose to relocate to Arizona's reputation on education. "My key managers decided to relocate to Arizona despite the golf and the weather," said the company's relocation maker. "They were afraid they would not find good schools

Loop 101 Arrowhead Scenic Corridor-

The City of Glendale Planning Commission has initiated a General Plan Amendment (GPA15-03) and a Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA15-01) to establish a Scenic Corridor on portions of the Loop 101 west of 51st Avenue in the Arrowhead Ranch area. If approved by the City Council, the Scenic Corridor would protect view corridors of the portion of the Loop 101 through Arrowhead Ranch and vicinity, prohibit off-premise signs (billboards and digital billboards), and establish a Scenic Corridor by policy in the Arrowhead Ranch Specific Plan and by regulation through the Zoning Ordinance. This topic will be discussed at a community meeting which has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 23, 2015 at 6 p.m. at the Arrowhead Country Club, 19888 North 73rd Avenue. As a resident / property owner / interested party / stakeholder, we would like your input on this topic. For questions related to the Scenic Corridor or the upcoming meeting, please contact Jon Froke, Planning Director, at (623) 930-2585 or by email at jfroke@glendaleaz.com.

GLENDALE PUBLIC SAFETY

Next Coffee with a Cop Gatherings:

- **September 15th 9:00 am Denny's 4303 W. Peoria Avenue.**
- **September 16th 6:30 pm Mimi's Café 7450 W. Bell Rd.**

Hot Cars Can Kill

children. They also felt that the state's reputation for poor e would affect the ability to recruit talent from outside."

The other decision-maker said Phoenix was a strong comp some of the management team was concerned about how the market would be to attracting a diverse workforce. "We nationals, too, and we don't want to see them feel like they welcome in the city where we build," he told me. "Your she bad face on your brand out here (in the business world)."

That's it for this week, time to get back to Glendale and pic six degrees I lost earlier.

-Councilmember Gary Sherwood

GLENDALE COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Cardinals Training Camp. Open practice sessions will be 2:00-4:30 p.m. starting on Saturday, August 1st and concl Friday, August 28. Located at the University of Phoenix St Cardinals Drive, Glendale, AZ 85305. The University of Ph Stadium will be hosting the Arizona Cardinals Football Clu Training Camp. Admission and parking are both free for all practices at the stadium. For all info, visit: <http://www.universityofphoenixstadium.com/events/view/id>

Glendale Splash Pads. Cool off and have fun for FREE at Glendale's two splash pads! The location and hours of the pads are:

Heroes Park Splash Pad - 83rd Ave. & Berridge Ave., just north of Bethany Home Rd.).

***August 15 - September 7: open weekends only a.m.-6 p.m.

Sycamore Grove Park Splash Pad - 86th Lane & Rovey Parkway.

***May 25 - September 7; open 6 a.m.-10 p.m.

The Glendale Police Department is using Nextdoor to c residents to promote stronger and safer neighborhoods. not monitored 24/7. For emergencies call 9-1-

Join NextDoor



- Watch this public service video.

Glendale Fire Department

Deploys To Wildfires- Glendale Firefighters have been sent to the River Complex Fire in Willow Creek, CA. A total of five have been sent to the fire and perform various support duties based on their credentials and qualifications within the U. S. Forest Service fire management group. Four of the team members are ranked as security and prevent unwanted access from civilians that may be in the firefighting area. One member is an equipment manager and is stationed at the base camp issuing necessary items for firefighting support.

- [Back to School Safety Video](#)

Glendale PD Sponsors Safe

Disposal Of Drugs- The Glendale Police and the Drug Enforcement Administration are providing residents an opportunity to safely and conveniently dispose of expired, unwanted or unused pharmaceutical substances and other medications. Controlled, non-controlled and over-the-counter substances will be accepted.

The event will take place on Saturday, **September 26**, from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the north parking lot area of the **Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St.** Glass containers, inhalers, intra-venous solutions, and injectable syringes CANNOT be accepted due to potential hazards posed by blood-borne pathogens.

For more information about this event, contact **Officer Jeff Horsley** at **623-930-4029** or **Officer Andy Lynes** at **623-930-2554**.

Glendale Police Department Shred

Event- The Glendale Police Department will be hosting a Shred Event on Saturday, October 3, 2015 from 8:00 - 11:00 AM. The event will

Glendale Police Ask for Public's Help- On Saturday, Aug 2015, just after 12:30 a.m., the Glendale Police Department received a 911 call reporting a newborn baby found in a dumpster. Both Glendale Police and Glendale Fire Departments responded to the rear of the Food City shopping plaza at 59 Bethany Home Road, however, this newborn was deceased. It is believed that this newborn was not born in a hospital setting. At this time, the Glendale Police Department is asking for the public to help in identifying this newborn and anyone responsible for this incident. Glendale PD would like to specifically ask that citizens are any women they know who suddenly and mysteriously no longer appear pregnant, but do not have a newborn child with the call Glendale Police at (623)930-3000 or Silent Witness at WITNESS with tips or information.

take place in the SW parking area of the Target located at 10404 N. 43rd Ave. Glendale, AZ 85302. Please limit four (4) banker boxes per household. Due to demand, event may conclude once the trucks are full. For further information, please contact Crime Prevention Specialist, Doreen Anderson, GPD at 623-930-4044.

Get the latest information about what's happening in the Sahuaro District and the city of Glendale by visiting the Sahuaro District Weekly Update page.

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